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DIY — REFRAMED

Style, passion puts blogger in spotlight metroNEWS

Sting taken out of hike on utilities

COUNCIL

Green-bin fees to be covered by rainy-day fund

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

The parade of taxpayer savings will continue at city council Monday as councillors prepare to approve utility rates.

While fees will likely go up on water and wastewater, they'll be going up by significantly less than originally planned.

City administration looked at two options for reducing the 8.3 per cent increase on water and wastewater rates. One was freezing the fee at this year's rate, while the other option was a 2.5 per cent increase.

Administration is recommending the second.

Coun. Ward Sutherland, vice-chair of the Priorities and Finance Committee, said he's heard people saying it's because it's an election year, but the savings have more to do with the city's new off-site levies.

Those levies — which are paid by developers on new projects — go toward basic infrastructure and will defer some of that cost from rate payers.

Council's agenda also reveals the cost of another fee cut, which was proposed last week by Coun. Joe Magliocca and Mayor Naheed Nenshi.

The city will need to take $13 million from the Fiscal Stability Reserve (a.k.a. the rainy day fund) to give homeowners a break on new green-cart fees until the end of 2017.

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On the world stage: Justin Trudeau's first big moment at the UN. **World**

Dancer's biggest stage yet

Calgary dancer Tate McRae, left, said she got through the season of So You Think You Can Dance with confidence thanks to help from her coach Kathryn McCormick. The 13-year-old finished in third place. FACEBOOK

COMPETITION

Calgary teen reflects on reality show experience

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

At 13 years old, Tate McRae was on national television as the only Canadian dancer left in the final four of this season's So You Think You Can Dance — but she was far from alone.

"I kept reminding myself to stay true to who I am, and with Kathryn at my side every week it was amazing, and I was growing every single time I danced on stage," said McRae, referring to her coach during the show, Kathryn McCormick.

Although McRae finished the competition last week in third place, the lessons she learned from McCormick will stay with her forever — in more than just dance moves.

"She taught me to stay true to myself and never give up or do something your heart says you shouldn't do," McRae explained.

"She also taught me to let go and not care what anyone thinks about what you're doing or how you're performing."

Born and raised in Calgary, McRae has been dancing since the age of six. She and her mom had to fly down to New York in order to try out for the show, which focused on younger, up-and-coming dancers for this season.

That was near the beginning of this year.

Now, as she left Los Angeles after the competition, she was surprised to find people recognizing her and even stopping her for a photo or just to chat.

"Haha, I wouldn't consider myself as a celebrity, but I would say it's pretty cool to be known, especially by non-dancers," she smiled — though she had her own cool celebrity moments, meeting famous faces like Paula Abdul and Jason Derulo.

Abdul even called her a "gift from God" after one performance.

But now that she's back — just as school is starting, no less — McRae doesn't intend to sit on So You Think You Can Dance as her crowning achievement.

"I'm just going to keep on training and working as hard as I can," she said. "Hopefully, by working hard and from the exposure I've got from this last opportunity, new doors will open and new things will come."

> **She taught me to stay true to myself and never give up.**
> Tate McRae on coach Kathryn McCormick

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Edmonton Trail cycle track opens

BIKE LANES

Project to be fully complete in a month: Co-ordinator

Helen Pike
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With just a few sections left to complete, the city's newest cycle track is now open for cyclists. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Edmonton Trail's cycle track is mostly open after construction was fast-tracked due to community feedback earlier this year.

"We wanted this so badly," said Kimberley Nelson, an avid cyclist and member of Bike Calgary.

The two-way cycle track stretches between Memorial Drive NE and 2 Avenue NE. Another single lane was installed between 1 Avenue NE between Edmonton Trail NE and 4 Street NE

On 1 Avenue NE, between Edmonton Trail NE and 4 Street NE, a bicycle lane (on the south side) and a shared lane with motorists (on the north side) was also installed to create an east-west bikeway connection to Crescent Heights.

Tom Thivener, the city's bike co-ordinator, said it's not done but "open," explaining they've got 1 kilometre between downtown, Memorial Drive and up to 2nd avenue.

"There's intersection work that's ongoing at Memorial," said Thivener. "We've got another month of construction and impacts, but it still is operational, at least."

He said the area has, in the past, been one of chaos for cyclists trying to get from Bridgeland to the centre city.

"We basically took an underutilized piece of Edmonton Trail…to repurpose one lane into a cycle track," said Thivener. "On the south end it connects to the Bow River cycle path and further north it connects to 1 Avenue… and further along it connects to 2 Avenue which is a good east west (road)."

Nelson, who rode the track home on opening day said she was relieved to have it open. The track runs along her route to work, and she rides all seasons.

"It was such an amazing experience to only have to cross three lanes of fast moving traffic as opposed to having to cross eight," said Nelson. "I can't even tell you the amount of relief that I had, and I've lived there for two and a half years."

She has done it before, and said she's capable of dealing with the traffic without the infrastructure in place. But Nelson noted this change is best for the timid rider who aren't sure they want to ride in such heavy traffic.

"It's such a safe environment on such a huge road," said Nelson.

MARLBOROUGH MALL

Police investigate machete attack

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

A photo of the machete a man used to attack a Calgary police officer. JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

At the core of its investigation, the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team will determine what motivated a young man to wound a police officer with a machete during a brazen attack at Marlborough Mall Saturday afternoon.

On Sunday, ASIRT, which has launched two separate investigations, provided an update on two unrelated officer-involved shooting's that occurred in Calgary on Saturday afternoon.

"It's a very good thing that no one died in that incident," said Susan Hughson, executive director of ASIRT.

Just after 2 p.m. Saturday, a Calgary police officer shot a 20-year-old, machete-wielding assailant at the Sears in Marlborough Mall, after the perpetrator slashed the officer, who endured severe and significant injury. The machete, 48 centimetres long, was purchased recently, Hughson said.

Earlier that day, around 1 p.m. at Blackfoot Truck Stop at 1840 Ave SE, another Calgary police officer shot at a vehicle, after the driver drove forward in the direction of the policeman. The driver had what appeared to be a rifle in the passenger seat and wasn't obeying the officer's commands to not start the vehicle.

A 15-year-old girl was also in the car, and was apprehended without any charges.

The machete-wielding man, 20, received emergency surgery at Foothills Medical Centre on Saturday and is in serious but stable condition.

ASIRT is asking the public to come forward if they have any information regarding the two incidents.

Jennifer Klink, a proponent of educating people about HIV/AIDS, shared her story of how she lost her brother, Karl, to AIDS.
JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

AIDS walk participant shares story

CHARITY

Event raises $75,000 for Alberta programs

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Karl Klink was a fashionable man who pursued his dream of becoming a stylist.

"He did quite well," said Klink's sister, Jennifer, during the Scotiabank AIDS Walk Sunday afternoon.

Karl, Jennifer said, died from AIDS in 1992 at the age of 36, after he was infected with HIV during the '80s, a time when little was known about HIV/AIDS, which predominantly affected gay men at the time.

Afraid of what his parents would think, Karl slipped his 'coming-out' letter under their doorway while they were sleeping, heading to Toronto that night to live his life.

Jennifer said she first learned Karl had AIDS when he told their dad he had pneumonia.

"I knew pneumonia was one of those things that was AIDS related, so I asked my dad if he had it," Jennifer recalled. "He said yes and cried.

"It was the first time I saw my dad cry."

Jennifer has since dedicated her life to AIDS awareness and fundraising, in an effort to highlight the syndrome that is as severe as it was in the '80s.

Even with PeREP, a medicine for people at high-risk of getting HIV/AIDS, and advancements, Jennifer said people continue to lose their lives.

"I feel like people aren't recognizing the risk as much as they did when it was considered a crisis," she said. "But this is still happening and we need to continue educating people about this because it hasn't been cured."

Service Alberta and Status of Women Minister Stephanie McLean, who spoke at the fundraising event, said her mom was diagnosed with HIV.

McLean said rates of HIV/AIDS continue to increase.

"We need to do a better job," McLean said. "We need to combat fatigue of the message and we need to renew it.

"We need to combat the stigma."

There were more than 200 people at event Sunday afternoon and, as of that time, more than $75,000 was fundraised, close to organizers' $100,000 fundraising goal.

All proceeds will help provide programs for the growing number of Albertans with HIV.

BEAKERHEAD

Teepee installation stirs up controversy

Josie Lukey
For Metro | Calgary

A teepee set up as part of an art installation at a Beakerhead event caused one woman to take to social media expressing her outrage.

Danni Black, a Blackfoot woman, wrote a lengthy Facebook message about the event called Taste of That Thing in the Desert and her experience coming across the installation.

"I looked ahead and saw it. A poorly set up teepee, so carefully and intricately wrapped up in cheap Christmas lights," her post said. "It never ceased to amaze me how sick to my stomach it makes me feel."

Mary Anne Moser, co-founder of Beakerhead, said that there are over 170 presenters and over 60 events at the festival.

"We don't want to control it, we don't want to control the conversation. Beakerhead is a platform for all kinds of experiences that bring together art, science and engineering." said Moser.

The creator of the installation, League of Extraordinary Albertans said that Beakerhead was not involved in the installation despite it being promoted as an event under the festival.

"The choices for the art installations were made by the LEA not by Beakerhead. Beakerhead was not involved in the choice of what gets placed up there. It was on the LEA and this was bad oversight on our end." said Norm Lim Sang of LEA.

When asked if Beakerhead would be looking more into what each event includes in the future, Moser responded that the festival will now be creating mechanisms to ensure all events are culturally appropriate.

Dave Kowalczyk said last year his family wore tie-dye to the Terry Fox Run while this year they decided on bright colours in order to make the event more fun for the kids. JOSIE LUKEY/METRO

Terry Fox run personal for this participating family

CHARITY

Annual run helps raise funds for research

Josie Lukey
For Metro | Calgary

As Dave Kowalczyk was running the course with his oldest son in the annual Terry Fox Run, his thoughts were on his sister-in-law, who passed away from brain cancer in 2011 and his mother, who was diagnosed just last year.

"It's the second time doing the 5k, and I just kept telling him 'keep pushing yourself, would it be harder fighting cancer or running a 5k?" said Kowalczyk.

About 1,400 people participated in the run on Sunday in Calgary which raised over $100,000 for the foundation. But according to Megan Hampel of the Terry Fox Foundation, the number of participants was down a few hundred compared to last year. Hampel attributes the drop as a result of the economic downturn and last year's 35th anniversary.

"It's raising funds directly for scientific research, last year (the national foundation) funded over 26-million that went into three key research areas for cancer but it funds the research into cancers that don't normally get very much funding," said Hampel.

But for Kowalczyk and his family, who have participated in the run every year since his sister-in-law was diagnosed in 2009, the event is a fun way to honour their family members who were touched by the disease.

"First time we did it, these two kids were in a jogging stroller, full-on winter gear and with the jogging stroller pushing them. It was snowing and they were crying, but we just kept on going. We're very committed," recalled Kowalczyk.

Nonetheless, Hampel said showing support for Fox and cancer research is important - especially because participants don't have to be a great athlete for the run by choosing a 1k, 5k or 10k course. Hampel also said the run hopes to spread awareness and education about cancer.

> **"I just kept telling (my son) 'keep pushing yourself, would it be harder fighting cancer or running a 5k?'**
> Dave Kowalczyk

"Terry Fox is one of the greatest Canadians of all time, and we just need to remember him first and foremost and this is a great way to keep his name and spirit alive," said Hampel.

CALGARY HERITAGE

Liberal considers Harper's old riding

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Former Calgary Heritage Liberal candidate Brendan Miles is again eyeing former Prime Minister Stephen Harper's riding, after Miles took 26 per cent of the vote during last year's federal election.

On Thursday, Miles told Metro he's requested his nomination papers from the Liberal Party of Canada for the upcoming byelection.

That means he's strongly considering to enter the Liberal's nomination race for Calgary Heritage, Miles said.

"The most important thing is not that I win, but that it's an open, democratic nomination process," he said.

Harper, who took 67 per cent of the vote during the federal election, announced his resignation from the House of Commons and his Calgary Seat in August.

The Conservatives were ousted in May 2015 when the Liberals, under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, swept into power.

Miles, a family doctor, said he thinks the Liberals have a good shot at taking the riding, as he says Justin Trudeau's popularity and the party's governing status will entice voters.

"If people in Calgary Heritage choose to elect a Liberal, they've got more of a seat at the table," he said. "I think Justin Trudeau's popularity, his openness and his desire for positive politics really speaks to a lot of people, especially in Calgary Heritage."

Miles also took aim at Harper, saying he hasn't represented the riding well.

"He's been very inaccessible, with all due respect to his roles and responsibilities as prime minister," he said.

But Hal Anderson, president of Calgary Heritage's Conservative riding association, said the Conservatives are confident going into the byelection.

"I expect the Liberals will do everything in their power to try and skew things their way by timing to help ensure a win," he said. "Confidence isn't an issue. You got to do the work and you got to knock on the doors."

Miles, who grew up and lives in the riding, said he cares most about evidence-based policy, which leaves him open to arguments from the political left and right.

"I think the political centre is the best place to produce and be open to evidence-based policy," he said.

Anderson said three people have officially joined the Conservative nomination race for Calgary Heritage. They include Rick Billington, Bob Benzen and Paul Frank.

Others Liberals who've requested nomination papers include Steve Turner and Scott Forsyth, according to Eric Peters, president of the Liberal association in Calgary Heritage.

The Calgary Heritage byelection has yet to be called.

Calgary family doctor Brendan Miles says he's strongly considering the enter the Liberal nomination race. CONTRIBUTED

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Lacey Haskell said building and restoring wall fixtures and furniture helps turn her house into a home. AARON CHATHA/METRO

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HOME + DESIGN SHOW

DIY blogger Haskell rolling up her sleeves

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

When she's not creating floating shelves from leftover Ikea pieces, building a shiplap wall or renovating an entire bathroom in 12 hours, DIY blogger Lacey Haskell can be found sitting back and relaxing with a nice cup of … actually, she's probably already getting started on another monumental home project.

Haskell is the type of person who gets ecstatic after hand sanding and staining a piece of wood, and treats sending a chair to get reupholstered like a holiday.

"When it came back, it was like Christmas morning," she laughed. "I stood up in the window waiting for Chris to drive home with the truck."

That enthusiasm has carried over to her blog, Feathering My Nest, which she's been running since 2013. The blog was noticed by the organizers of the Calgary Home + Design show, who asked her to lead a workshop series at the show this year.

It's a fitting milestone for someone who learned at a young age, it's worth rolling up your sleeves and doing it yourself.

"I grew up in a home with a creative mother," she recalled. "We gave her a palm sander for Mother's Day one year and a scroll saw for Christmas.

"Ever since I was little, we made stuff. It's just what we did."

It's a tough market for DIY bloggers to break through — among the countless blogs, and not forgetting Pinterest — Haskell believes it's her pickiness about her projects that makes her blog posts so appealing to readers. She goes through trial and error not to find one way to complete a project — but the best way to complete a project.

"I've had a lot of people say, 'oh, you give so much detail, it's so helpful,'" she said. "If I'm looking to learn how to do something, it's nice to share, 'I tried this, it didn't work and this is why.'"

Looking at her blog, each post comes with a ton of underlines, ellipses and a BAMS or other sound effects — like the instructions are rolling right off Haskell's tongue and onto the page.

THE LOWDOWN

The Calgary Home + Design Show runs Sept. 22 to 25 at the BMO centre, which Haskell where share some tips and tricks. Her blog can be found at www.featheringmynest.ca.

IN BRIEF

Byelection date is set

A date for a federal byelection in Alberta has been set following the death of Conservative MP Jim Hillyer. The vote in the Medicine Hat-Cardston-Warner riding will be held on Monday, Oct. 24.

Hillyer, a Conservative, had represented the riding but died of a heart attack in his Parliament Hill office. Hillyer was first elected to the House of Commons in 2011 and was re-elected in a landslide last fall.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

SHAGANAPPI

Basketball progam for youth proves to be a real slam dunk

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

Al Devani grew up on the north side of Shaganappi, and he knows first hand about the struggles some youth in the area face.

So when Devani — the founder of RNDSQR Developments — was approached by Coun. Evan Woolley about hosting a basketball camp, he knew just the people to call.

Devani tapped the talents of Eddie Richardson from Genesis Basketball. He also found a collection of sponsors to make sure the kids came away with more than just improved court skills.

"We tried to make it the real deal. They're all swagged out — they got shorts and shirts, water bottles and basketballs," said Devani.

The camp — held over the space of three weekends — was free for 85 youth from Shaganappi, which has a high concentration of social housing.

"You have an amazing community living here but people are struggling in many ways," said Woolley.

He said building trust with the youth now will help with addressing other problems they might have at home and school.

"Not a single kid had had breakfast when they got on the bus the first day, so there are challenges — but this is about building trust so we can work on the fundamental issues."

Morses Line in rural Quebec is one of the smallest, most remote of the 117 crossing points along the 5,000-kilometre Canada-U.S. land border. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

U.S.-Canada crossings may get shaken up

MOVEMENT

Morses Line in Quebec guarded by agents in Hamilton, Ont.

Morses Line is one of those places where the Canada-U.S. border is truly just an artificial stop on a country road.

In the late 1800s, it was a literal line established by a distant government that was crossed by villagers from the province of Quebec and the state of Vermont going about their business.

It has developed, but remains today as one of the smallest, most remote of the 117 crossing points along the 5,000-kilometre Canada-U.S. land border — one where populations on both sides share names, blood and a French mother tongue.

But after surviving threats of closure in Washington and absorbing budget cuts ordered by Ottawa, Morses Line has become ground zero for what could be the future of border management.

Where there was once a bucolic, white building welcoming people to Canadian soil and a century house next door that the head agent called home, now there is a state-of-the-art security structure loaded with cameras and defended by a guard located 700 kilometres away in Hamilton.

The Remote Traveller Processing program has been underway since February but the Canada Border Services Agency already has plans for similar operations at 19 other points-of-entry across the country if the program is deemed a success.

It works much like a high-tech drive-thru. Those seeking to enter Canada at Morses Line enter into a closed garage and park next to a kiosk that allows them to communicate with a border agent, show their passport and even pay duties on alcohol, tobacco or other goods with the swipe of a credit card.

"Are we letting our guard down?" said CBSA spokeswoman Dominique McNeely. "The building was designed with enhanced security in mind. There are additional gates, there are many cameras and, compared to other border crossings nearby, there's much more technology here to secure the border."

That includes impact-resistant gates, a garage door that doesn't open unless the border agent is satisfied there is no risk, and plenty of powerful cameras.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

ANIMALS

Downturn forcing people to give up pets

Surrender never comes easily.

An animal information card at the Calgary Humane Society identifies the temporary resident inside as a grey-and-white kitten named "Marilyn" who has been there since June 26.

"I am an owner surrender," reads a note in a section called "A little about me."

Many Calgarians, already dealing with layoffs, economic uncertainty and the potential loss of their homes, are now having to give up their best friends.

The Calgary Humane Society says it has noticed a jump in the number of pets being reluctantly being turned in by their owners since the economic downturn started in 2015.

There were 1,500 pets surrendered to the society between Jan. 1 and Aug. 31, 2014. That number ballooned to 1,673 in the same period last year and sits at 1,635 so far this year, but there's also been a huge jump in the number of strays being picked up.

A humane society official says it's gut-wrenching for those who have to give up a member of the family.

"It's the last thing they want to do. Typically they will go without a lot of things ... without food ... maybe they'll skip rent for a month if they have to," said Sage Pullen McIntosh, senior manager of community relations and communications.

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Sage Pullen McIntosh from the Calgary Humane Society poses with a cat on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

The return of Parliament
After 10 months of a long honeymoon, consultations on dozens of issues and rhetoric that suggested anything is possible, Justin Trudeau's government faces a fall full of hard choices. The rubber hits the road Monday, with the return of Parliament.
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Feds ready to act on carbon pricing: McKenna
Environment Minister Catherine McKenna says the government is prepared to impose a price on carbon provinces that can't come up with their own. The comments sparked the ire of, Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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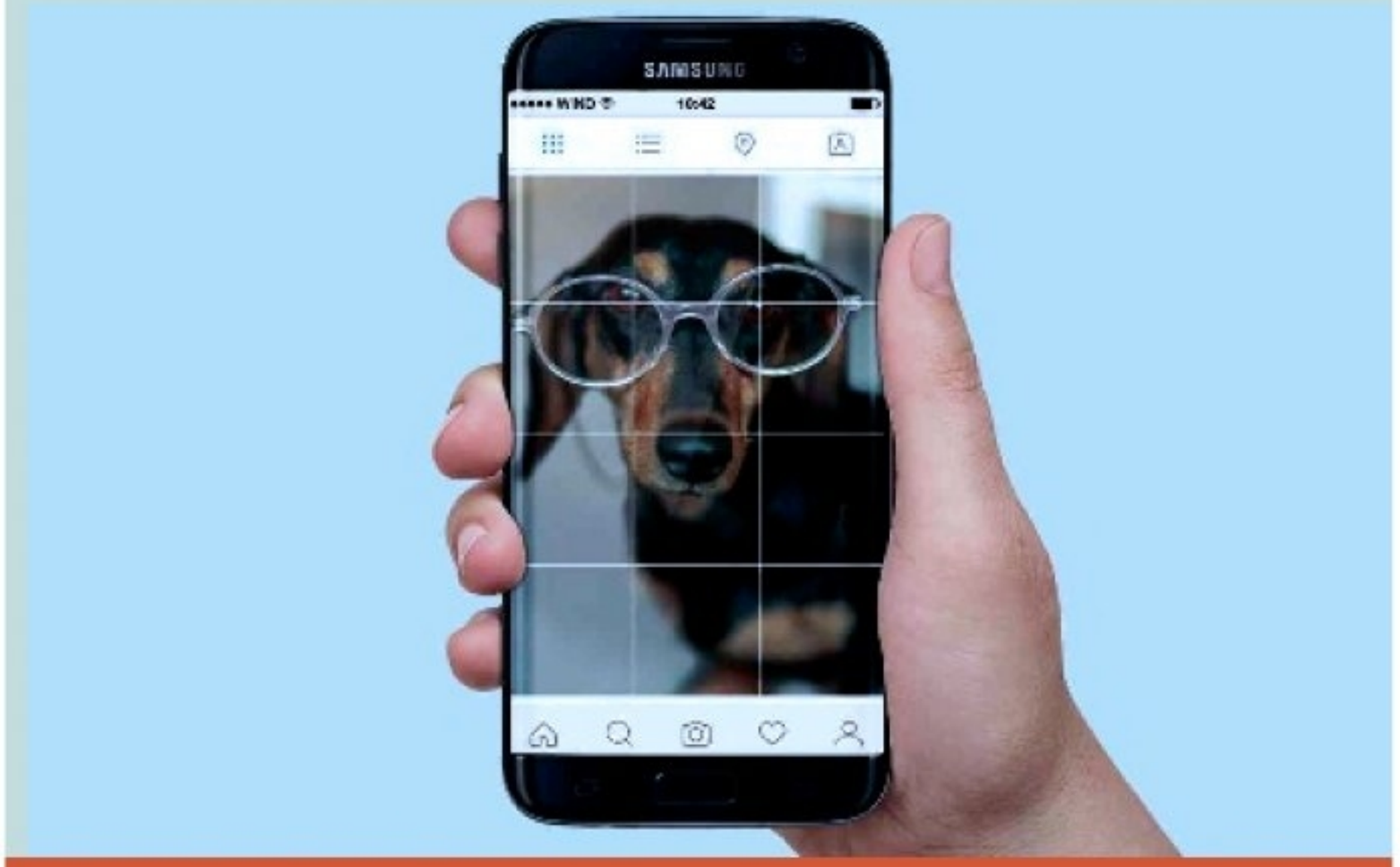

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Explosion still unexplained

NEW YORK CITY

Investigation into blast that injured 29 in Manhattan

Crime scene investigators work at the scene of an explosion in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood. CRAIG RUTTLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The bomb that rocked a New York City neighbourhood known for its vibrant arts scene and large gay community contained residue of an explosive often used for target practice that can be picked up in many sporting goods stores, a federal law enforcement official said Sunday, as authorities tried to unravel who planted the device and why.

The discovery of Tannerite in materials recovered from the Saturday night explosion that injured 29 people may be important as authorities probe whether the blast was connected to an unexploded pressure-cooker device found by state troopers just blocks away, as well as a pipe bomb blast in a New Jersey shore town.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo, touring the site of the blast in Manhattan's Chelsea neighbourhood, said there didn't appear to be any link to international terrorism. He said the second device appeared "similar in design" to the first, but did not provide details.

"We're going to be very careful and patient to get to the full truth here," New York's mayor, Bill de Blasio said Sunday. "We have more work to do to be able to say what kind of motivation was behind this. Was it a political motivation? A personal motivation? What was it? We do not know that yet."

Cellphones were discovered at the site of both bombings, but no Tannerite residue was identified in the New Jersey bomb remnants, in which a black powder was detected, said the official, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Officials haven't revealed any details about the makeup of the pressure-cooker device, except to say it had wires and a cellphone attached to it. It was destroyed in a controlled explosion.

Technicians in Quantico, Virginia, were examining evidence from the Manhattan bombing, described by witnesses as a deafening blast that shattered storefront windows and injured bystanders with shrapnel in the mostly residential neighbourhood on the city's west side. All 29 injured were released from hospital by Sunday afternoon.

The explosion left many rattled in a city that had marked the 15th anniversary of the 9-11 terrorist attacks only a week earlier and where a United Nations meeting to address the refugee crisis in Syria was scheduled on Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATTACKS

Explosion rocks Jersey Shore charity race

Jersey Shore beaches were reopened Sunday as the investigation continued into a pipe bomb explosion at a seaside community before thousands of runners were to participate in a charity 5K race. Officials would not say if they believe the blast was terror-related, but said it didn't appear to be connected to an explosion that rocked a Manhattan neighbourhood Saturday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Daesh claims Minnesota stabbing attacks

A man in a private security uniform stabbed nine people at a Minnesota shopping mall, reportedly asking one victim if they were Muslim before an officer shot and killed him. Daesh claimed the attack as its own. None of the nine people received life-threatening wounds, St. Cloud police Chief Blair Anderson said. FBI Special Agent-in-Charge Rick Thornton said the attack was being investigated as a possible act of terrorism. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TERRORISM

UN meeting to focus on refugee crisis and Syria

A man carries a girl as they arrive with other migrants on a dinghy after crossing from Turkey to the Greek island of Kos. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World leaders meeting at the United Nations starting Monday will be trying to make progress on two intractable problems at the top of the global agenda — the biggest refugee crisis since World War II and the Syrian conflict now in its sixth year which has claimed over 300,000 lives.

Against a backdrop of rising ethnic and religious tension, fighting elsewhere in the Mideast and Africa, extremist attacks across the world and a warming planet, there are plenty of other issues for the 135 heads of state and government and more than 50 ministers expected to attend to try to tackle.

"It's no secret there's a lot of fear out there," U.S. Ambassador Samantha Power said Thursday, citing the uncertainties sparked by Britain's vote to leave the European Union, the threat posed by Daesh, and attacks in many parts of the world by extremists.

But Syria, where a tense ceasefire brokered by Moscow and Washington went into effect last Monday, remains at the top of the agenda.

The spotlight will also shine on three leaders, who are all scheduled to speak at the assembly's opening session on Tuesday. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon who steps down on Dec. 31, and U.S. President Barack Obama who will leave office in January, will be addressing the world body for the last time. And British Prime Minister Theresa May will be making her debut on the world stage less than three months after the vote to leave the European Union. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Highlights from Trudeau's maiden speech to UN

Justin Trudeau will use his first speech to the UN General Assembly to present his brand of economics as an antidote to the angry nationalist politics flaring up on different continents.

The PM intends to state his case to the convention hall that government policies geared toward broad-based prosperity make for more hopeful societies.

He's making that speech in a year where popular resentment has led to Britain leaving the European Union; Donald Trump contending for the U.S. presidency; and fringe nationalist parties increasingly competitive in European elections.

A common theme for these movements is blaming foreign forces for the struggles of domestic workers.

Trudeau intends to argue that governments can apply some preventive medicine in the form of policies aimed at the working class. A spokesman cited as examples his government's deficit-financed infrastructure spending and its parental benefit of up to $6,400 per child. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Republicans are still counting on strong support from the Cuban-American community in south Florida as they try to win back the White House. But the GOP-Cuban alliance is softening, and Donald Trump could speed the process. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Republicans' Cuban base doubtful

FLORIDA

Battleground state key voting bloc unsure about Trump

Francis Suarez comes from a long line of civic and political leaders who have formed the Republican bedrock in south Florida's Cuban community for a half century. Yet the 38-year-old Miami city commissioner hasn't decided whether he will vote for his party's presidential nominee.

He's not alone. Many Cuban-Americans are expressing solidarity with other Latin-Americans who see Donald Trump as anti-Hispanic. Still others hear in Trump's nationalistic populism echoes of the government strongmen they once fled.

How those misgivings affect the votes of hundreds of thousands of Cuban-Americans could tilt the nation's most populous battleground state and help determine whether Trump or Democrat Hillary Clinton wins the election.

Roberto Rodriguez Tejera, a Spanish-language radio and television host in Miami, says he won't endorse anyone. But Tejera regularly asks his audiences to compare Trump's assertions that "I am your voice" and "I alone can solve" societal ills to the initial appeals of authoritarian rulers like Cuba's Fidel Castro and the late Hugo Chavez in Venezuela.

"It goes well beyond immigration," Tejera said in an interview. "Many of us remember how it starts. It starts with questioning institutions. Then you destroy institutions — you being the only person in the world who can save the nation from collapse."

Fernand Amandi, a Democratic south Florida pollster, estimates Cuban-Americans could approach 8 per cent of the Florida electorate this November. Amandi said polls suggest Trump leads Clinton among Cuban-Americans in Florida, but not by the margins victorious Republican nominees have managed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Zucotti Park hosts Occupy once more for anniversary

Demonstrators gathered once again in New York City's Zuccotti Park on Saturday to commemorate the movement and what they said has been its lasting impact.

About two dozen attended the gathering, many holding signs to demand political and banking reform. Others chanted, blew whistles and carried photo cutouts of political figures, including former Attorney General Eric Holder. As the group recounted its time occupying the park, tour groups stopped to check out the action. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RUSSIA

Election returns ruling party: Early results

Early results on Sunday showed Russia's ruling United Russia party winning in the parliamentary election amid reports of election violations and visible voter apathy in the country's two largest cities.

Less than 7 per cent of the ballots were counted by 9 p.m. (12 p.m. MDT), showing United Russia getting about 44 per cent of the vote, with the Liberal Democrat Party trailing with 18 per cent of the vote. The results are likely to change as votes in the west of Russia are counted.

Russian Election Commission chief Ella Pamfilova said as the polls closed that she no reason to nullify the vote in any location, conceding, however, that the election "wasn't sterile."

The voting for the 450-seat State Duma, the lower house of parliament, is unlikely to substantially change the distribution of power, in which the pro-Kremlin United Russia party holds an absolute majority. But the perceived honesty of the election could be a critical factor in whether protests arise following the voting.

Massive demonstrations broke out in Moscow after the last Duma election in 2011, unsettling authorities with their size and persistence.

Voter turnout in Russia's largest cities appeared to be much lower than five years ago, indicating that the widespread practice of coercing state employees to vote in previous elections wasn't as prevalent this time around.

The turnout by 6 p.m. (9 a.m. MDT) was at a record low of 29 per cent in Moscow, compared to over 50 per cent five years earlier, and under 20 per cent in St. Petersburg, Russia's second-largest city.

Previous elections have shown that the regions with the highest turnout were where voters, mostly state employees, were pressured to cast ballots. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No buyers for failing companies

OIL AND GAS

Only three of 15 firms sold in 18 months, analysis shows

Oil and gas companies that are looking for corporate suitors are not feeling the love. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

It's getting so bad in the oilpatch that firms in trouble can't even sell themselves.

TD Securities recently analyzed the strategic reviews of 15 Canadian energy firms over the past 18 months. Three have found buyers, the TD Securities report said.

Six are still searching for a suitor, four have slipped into receivership, one closed down after selling all of its assets and another dropped its strategic review and hired a new CEO, according to the analysis released last week.

The companies, mainly junior outfits, are the energy sector's unwanted.

In theory, strategic reviews are an open invitation for solutions to a company's poor share price that can include refinancing, asset sales and partnerships. But success often means a corporate sale or merger.

Calgary-based Zargon Oil & Gas announced its strategic review 13 months ago and despite recent agreements to sell its southeast Saskatchewan oilfields and a smaller package of Alberta assets, it is still trying to fix its balance sheet.

"We wanted to capture the best value we can for the shareholders, so we did eventually sell our best assets in a couple of transactions," said president and CEO Craig Hansen.

"We had some bank debt, we got rid of it, but we still have debentures to pay and so we continue on."

There's a "gulf" between what buyers are willing to pay and what sellers are willing to accept, Hansen said, especially for assets offering marginal returns at today's low oil and gas prices.

Bruce Edgelow, vice-president of strategy for lender ATB Financial, said the string of failed strategic reviews over the past 18 months is related to several factors. They include falling commodity prices, market expectations by potential buyers and recent regulatory moves such as Alberta's decision to toughen minimum well abandonment liability coverage levels before approving licence transfers, Edgelow said.

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TD listed 29 companies that launched strategic alternative processes from 2011 through 2014, a period of much higher oil and gas prices.

Twenty-one of those concluded successfully in corporate sales, refinancings, partnerships or asset sales, the bank said.

But he thinks companies will continue with their strategic reviews anyway.

"It's all about share price. If I'm being treated poorly in the marketplace, then the board will say, 'It's time to do something,'" said Edgelow.

"It's a good way to flag the system that you may all of a sudden be open to do some business. It may bring someone to the front that you didn't know was interested, so you might as well do a formal process."

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TECHNOLOGY

New phone app connects users with babysitters or caregivers

When Karen Barzilay recently found no one available to care for her three young daughters, her neighbours told her about BookJane, a mobile app they created to help Torontonians find caregivers on demand.

BookJane founder and chief executive, Curtis Khan, describes the app as the Uber for babysitters and elderly caregivers.

"People are ready. Uber has paved the way. Airbnb has paved the way," said Khan, a former marketing executive. "They're looking more and more to technology."

Since launching in July, Khan says BookJane now has a database of 2,000 caregivers and 500 clients in Greater Toronto, including individuals, childcare centres and hospitals.

Users can find a caregiver for their children or elderly parents within a few clicks and book for as little as one hour or for the day — at a rate of $21 an hour for a childcare provider and $25 an hour for a personal support worker for a senior.

Payments are made directly through the app with a credit card, with BookJane taking $4.20 to $5 an hour for making the connection.

Curtis Khan, founder of the app BookJane which allows people to find babysitters and senior caregivers, displays the app on his phone in Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"People are ready. Uber has paved the way. Airbnb has paved the way.
Curtis Khan

The app lets users chat online with prospective hires and track their movements while on the job in real-time.

Khan said listed caregivers have to pass stringent qualifications including an extensive in-person interview, a police check, a vulnerable sector check, provide references, be certified in CPR and First Aid, and either hold designations in early childhood education or personal support work. The approval process, on average, takes about two weeks.

BookJane also provides liability insurance of up to $5 million, and hires can be filtered through various parameters including years of experience and languages spoken.

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THE QUESTION

My friend has a crush on a guy at the gym, but she won't do anything about it. Is she squandering a chance at love?

Dear Ellen,

My friend met a guy last year at GoodLife Fitness. Since that day she can't stop thinking about him. They have spoken briefly a few times, but she does not want him to know how she feels. If only he could read her eyes and mind! She believes that it is just a crush and it will eventually fade away. One year later, her feelings have not changed.

Can a crush last this long? Or is it love?

Solicitous Friend

Dear Solicitous,

I have two pieces of advice — one for you, and one for your friend, whom I'll call Reluctant Lover. I'll start with her.

Dear Reluctant,

In the grand tradition of giving advice I was too stupid to take myself for most of my life, and assuming you are truly interested in this guy, I will tell you to get off your well-toned butt and make a move!

I don't mean you should run over and start towelling him down while he's still on the bench press. That would be intrusive, for starters, and extra-annoying if he's trying to keep track of his heart rate or number of reps or whatever it is you people do in those places.

Think up something you'd say to a casual acquaintance. 'Hey, I like your T-shirt, how 'bout those Jays?' or 'I see you're wearing curling shoes.'

Furthermore, if he's not interested in you, it will be awkward for both of you every time you find yourselves in the gym together in future.

But you can arrange to cross paths with him at some point, and exchange more than a few words, being careful to do it in a manner that allows him to decline without feeling as if he's rejecting you, breaking your heart and destroying your life forever. Think up something you'd say to a casual acquaintance. ("Hey, I like your T-shirt, how 'bout those Jays?" or "I see you're wearing curling shoes, you get out on the ice much?") Maybe your friend Solicitous can help with the actual dialogue.

That's all you need to do — open the door to more contact and see if he walks through.

There are two possible outcomes. One is he will take the hint, and things will move forward. The other is that he gives you nothing. You may speculate all you like about his reasons (he's just not attracted to you, he's married, he's really into you but he's too shy to do anything). It doesn't matter. It's not gonna happen. Your pride may be hurt, but at least now you know the score and can move on. Good luck with either scenario.

Dear Solicitous,

You sound extremely invested in this situation, which means one of two things: you are either a loyal pal who can tell your friend is hiding her true feelings and suffering for it, or you are a nosy drama queen dying to stir things up. Actually, those two things are not mutually exclusive.

You may share my sensible advice with your friend, but after that: back off. What she does or doesn't do is her business. And whether it's a crush or love, sometimes people are just as well off — sometimes better off — with the fantasy, which can last much longer and be much more controllable and fun than a real-life relationship that was never meant to be.

Need advice?
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Pennant races: When generation gaps narrow

Tim Harper

The summer my father was dying, I called him and we had what turned out to be our final chat.

He was strangely energized. He had but one thing on his mind. He had to replay, in minute detail, the epic game between his San Francisco Giants and the Oakland A's the night before.

There was a pennant race on, after all.

There had been no game, of course, between the Giants and the A's the night before and that pennant battle played only in my father's head.

That's when I realized I had lost him.

Some watch the Jays 2016 September with passing interest, some find joy, many find agony. And some of us have pennant races baked into our DNA.

Pennant races have changed over the years and my father would not recognize the two wild-card spots up for grabs as the Blue Jays enter the season's final days. But pennant races have been the glue in the Harper family for three generations.

My father was a devotee of the Giants of yore. His Septembers were filled with Willie Mays, Willie McCovey, Juan Marichal and that stalwart, Jim Davenport, who lacked the same star power as that trio, but whose uniform was always dirty, betraying the effort and workmanship my father admired in his baseball heroes.

His love was passed to me, at old Toronto Maple Leaf Sunday doubleheaders on the Lakeshore or Sunday morning pilgrimages to downtown Hamilton where we would pick up the Buffalo Courier-Express. Over breakfast, we would devour box scores, a weekend treat because the Toronto papers then published only the unsatisfying line scores.

And now my daughter sits in Cambridge, Mass., deep in the heart of evil Red Sox country, live-streaming every pitch of the Blue Jays journey.

We text back and forth during games. We celebrate home runs and lament missed cut-off throws. She wants to know why John Gibbons would pitch to a left-hander with first base open and we rejoice when we learn of the return of a backup catcher, the type of transaction that can only cause such jubilation during a pennant race.

At the stadium she launches Pitch Tracks on her phone to challenge calls from the home-plate umpire and she will be there at Fenway on the final weekend of the season, part of a group proudly and defiantly wearing their Blue Jays jerseys come hell or pennant-clinching.

The final weeks will be painful. There will be irrational ups and downs, scoreboard cursing and times when it is almost too hard to look.

More often than not, this is the month when dreams die and winter's harsh reality appears suddenly at the door.

But it's futile to try to get the pennant race out of your blood.

And after years of meaningless Septembers here, one truism remains — it is better to have played for the pennant and lost than never to have played at all.

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TV stars shine on the Emmys red carpet

1 Actress Ariel Winter of Modern Family shows off her back tattoo at the 68th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles on Sunday. Fashion mags were quick to point out Kylie Jenner was seen wearing the same dress, a Yousef AlJasmi design, a few days earlier.

2 TV fans can't get enough of **the super talented Stranger Things kids** — actors Gaten Matarazzo, Caleb McLaughlin and Millie Bobby Brown walked their first-ever red carpet together.

3 Priyanka Chopra, who stars in the terrorism drama Quantico, **did not get a nomination** but that did not stop her from twirling in a red Jason Wu gown before she was set to present.

4 Actress Emily Ratajkowski stunned in a Zac Posen mermaid dress, and she also held hands with the designer himself, who was her date for the night.

5 Emily Robinson, 17, is emerging as a style icon to watch, wearing a yellow Carolina Herrera dress. Her show Transparent was nominated for outstanding comedy series and was up against Black-ish, Master of None, Modern Family, Silicon Valley, Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt and Veep. **For Emmys winners, see pg. 20 and visit metronews.ca**

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BUDGETS

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Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

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Step 2: Make a budget. With a little foresight and some planning, you can come out of mat leave with your financial life in balance. If your income is going down, it's time to prioritize where you'll spend your money so you don't rack up debt.

Divide your expenses into nice-to-haves and must-haves so you'll know where to trim back first. Eating out, entertainment and random impulsive shopping will come to a grinding halt. With a baby on the way, you've got to be dead sure you can make ends meet, even as you incorporate those new little expenses (about to become big expenses) into your life.

Step 3: Practise living on one income. Don't wait until baby's arrival to put your new budget into action. Start while you're pregnant.

Step 4: Pay off your consumer debt. Yeah, you had your fun. Now you know why it was such a bad idea to put all that crap on credit. Whatever your reason for having consumer debt, get it gone. Negotiate your interest costs down, transfer balances to lower-cost options, get that sucker paid off.

Step 5: Build up your emergency fund. If you're living on one income and you've got another mouth to feed, you can't afford to be cavalier about your emergency fund.

A loss of the primary job at this point would be devastating. So would any unforeseen shift in circumstances. Put an emergency fund in place. Aim for six months' worth of must-have expenses.

If you're living on one income and you've got another mouth to feed, you can't afford to be cavalier.

Step 6: Decide what you'll need for baby. Check with friends and family for what they found most useful. See who has stuff in storage that you can bum for a while. Don't get suckered into dumb crap like specialty diaper disposal units or wipe warmers.

If you know someone will be throwing you a shower, register for the things you really want. Shop second-hand. And be creative when it comes to doing up baby's room. It doesn't have to cost a fortune, and if you don't have the money, it absolutely shouldn't.

For more money advice, visit Gail's website at gailvazoxlade.com

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Politics takes centre stage at Emmy Awards

CONTROVERSY

Transparent creator likens Donald Trump to Hitler

Transparent creator Jill Soloway says Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump is "one of the most dangerous monsters," comparing him to Hitler.

Soloway made the comment speaking to reporters backstage at the Emmys after winning the best director prize. She said, "Any moment that I have to call Trump out for being an heir to Hitler, I will."

During its second season Transparent related the current state of transgender people to the situation facing Jews in Nazi Germany before the Holocaust.

Soloway said Sunday that Trump, like Hitler, has "otherized" people to gain political power, including, disabled people, Muslims, Mexican-Americans and women who don't "look like beauty pageant contestants."

Jeffrey Tambor captured his second consecutive best comedy actor trophy for Transparent, in which he plays a transgender character.

He called for Hollywood to make him the last non-transgender actor to get such a role.

A shaking Louis-Dreyfus ended her speech by dedicating the trophy to her father, who she said died Friday. Before that, she honed in on GOP contender Donald Trump's campaign.

"I'd also like to take this opportunity to personally apologize for the current political climate," she said. "I think that 'Veep' has torn down the wall between comedy and politics. Our show started out as a political satire but it now feels more like a sobering documentary."

She promised to "rebuild that wall and make Mexico pay for it."

Her victory gave her six best comedy wins — five for Veep, one for The New Adventures of Old Christine — and broke her tie with Candice Bergen and Mary Tyler Moore.

The People v. O.J. Simpson, which earned the second-highest number of nominations, converted five to trophies Sunday.

The dramatic retelling of the football star's murder trial was honoured as best limited series and writing, and earned awards for stars Courtney B. Vance, Sterling K. Brown and Sarah Paulson.

"Obama out, Hillary in," Vance said as he wrapped his victory speech.

Regina King claimed the award for supporting actress in a limited series for "American Crime," her second trophy for the program.

Louie Anderson was honoured as best supporting actor in a comedy series for his portrayal of a loving but tough mom in "Baskets."

"Mom, we did it!," Anderson shouted, hoisting his trophy and dedicating the award to his late mother, Ora Zella Anderson. "I have not always been a good man but I play one hell of a woman."

Saturday Night Live cast member Kate McKinnon won the trophy for best supporting actress in a comedy for, officially, playing various characters. But she knew who to credit.

"Thank you, Ellen DeGeneres, thank you, Hillary Clinton," she said, naming two of the famous people she's caricatured on the show.

The Democratic presidential contender responded quickly with a tweet: "Congratulations on your Emmy, Kate! Big fan of yours, too."

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CANADIAN WIN

Regina-native **Tatiana Maslany** wins Emmy for best lead actress in a drama for her performances in the sci-fi series Orphan Black.

Transparent creator Jill Soloway compared Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump to Hitler on Sunday night at the Emmys. KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES

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So who is Banksy? Maybe we all are...

Robert Del Naja, seen in front taking a photo, is pictured with Massive Attack bandmate Grantley 'Daddy G' Marshall. Del Naja denies he is street artist Banksy. MAYA HAUTEFEUILLE/AFP/GETTYIMAGES/FILE

GRAFFITI

Unravelling the massive mystery of a guerilla artist

Who is Banksy?

For a quarter-century, that question has haunted the art world and fans of the street artist known for making wry political comment with a spray can. His art has been collected by everyone from Christina Aguilera to Angelina Jolie to noted art galleries, and sells for hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Not unlike the Bryan Singer film The Usual Suspects and its elusive fictional character Keyser Söze, trying to identify the real Banksy has become serious sport. But trying to pinpoint the man who hung a smiley-face Mona Lisa in the Louvre or set up inflatable dolls dressed as Guantanamo prisoners in Disneyland has frustrated many.

The latest personality to be outed as potentially Banksy is trip-hop dance-band co-founder Robert Del Naja of Massive Attack.

But British journalist Craig Williams thinks Del Naja is actually the leader of a group of artists who collectively comprise Banksy.

"What if Banksy isn't the one person everyone thinks he is. What if — akin to the Shakespeare conspiracy theories, Banksy is a group of people who have been stencilling different locations both at home and abroad? Such a rich body of work done over a decade, across the globe, may allow for the suggestion," says Williams in a blog post that is getting traction on the Internet.

Williams compared the travels of Massive Attack with Banksy art sightings and says the two have to be more than coincidental.

That includes a stint in Toronto in May 2010, when the group played the Sound Academy and three Banksy murals suddenly appeared in the city.

Of course, Del Naja is a graffiti artist himself and has said he is friends with Banksy. But he has denied he is the artist, reportedly telling a crowd at a concert in Bristol recently that, "We are all Banksy."

He also told Britain's Daily Mail that "Rumours of my secret identity are greatly exaggerated. . . . It would be a good story but, sadly, not true."

Still, it would be pretty cool if a pop star of the stature of Del Naja ended up being the street artist.

This is not the first time that geographic profiling has been used to hopefully unmask the real Banksy. Scientists at Queen Mary University in London also claim to have substantiated who the real Banksy is, according to the Independent.

Geographic profiling is used by police to hunt down serial killers. These scientists used it to examine where artworks appear and match them to a suspect.

In this case, the suspect is Bristol native Robin Gunningham, who was already the subject of a Daily Mail investigation.

The university study backs up the assertion by the newspaper that Gunningham, an unassuming suburban man, is the real artist.

The scientists used 140 suspected works in London and Bristol, and looked at how they coincided with locations frequented by Gunningham.

Another popular theory put forward by Canadian media artist Chris Healey is that Banksy isn't a man but a woman who leads a team of seven artists

What is assured is that you can rely on the fact the Internet will soon be obsessed with the next potential Banksy.

Maybe Del Naja is right: "We are all Banksy" after all.

> **Rumours of my secret identity are greatly exaggerated . . . It would be a good story but, sadly, not true.**
> Robert Del Naja, Massive Attack

Balancing property with parenthood

FINANCE

Finding room to expand but not breaking budget is a test

Property owners and new parents must often compromise to pay for kids and a house. ISTOCK

When 30-year-old Jessica Moorhouse and her husband recently moved into their $460,000 townhouse in Toronto's west end, they weren't buying the detached home of their dreams.

Still, the young couple felt good they'd found an affordable place within the city's hot real estate market — with enough room for the baby they one day plan on having.

"We could have definitely gotten a place maybe more in the city, nicer, that we wouldn't have to fix anything up, that was a one bedroom," says Moorhouse, who also blogs about her finances. "But we would have been limited because...we want to start a family."

People yearning for home ownership and parenthood can face an uphill battle in cities where soaring housing prices and costly daycare fees can be formidable. But the dream can be within reach, so long as house hunters and future parents are willing to compromise on a few things.

When it comes to a couple's mortgage pre-approval, "the bank may say they can afford X, Y and Z," says Laurie Campbell, CEO of Credit Canada.

But if a couple plans on having children, "they need to factor in what those costs might be and how that could affect their overall budget," she adds.

Those costs include reduced income during parental leave, necessities like food and diapers, as well as future education savings.

Lindsay Elliott and her husband bought a house in Grimsby, Ont. for roughly $325,000 after finding themselves priced out of the nearby suburb, Burlington.

She says they likely would have had a child before buying a home if they had stayed in Burlington. But she says their new home gives them the budgetary breathing room needed for the two maternity leaves she expects to take.

"I'm going to have a very limited income coming in during those times," said Elliott, 28.

New parents must be cognizant that Canada's maternity leave and parental benefits only pay 55 per cent of a person's income up to $537 a week, except in Quebec, which runs its own provincial program.

After maternity leave, many parents will also find themselves having to pay hundreds of dollars a month for daycare.

Looming daycare fees are one of the things Desirae Odjick and her partner are anticipating, as they look to upgrade to a larger home from their current living arrangements in Ottawa sometime next year.

Odjick, who is also a personal finance blogger, and her partner plan to have at least one child within three or four years, she says, and they need to leave room in their budget for daycare while looking for a new house.

She says together, they could be approved for a $700,000 mortgage, but they'll look to spend no more than $440,000 total.

"If we max out our gross debt service ratio by getting, like, the most house we can afford and really stretching out the mortgage payment, we'd be in a pretty precarious position," says Odjick, 27.

Campbell, the CEO of Credit Canada, agrees that with the added costs of having a child, people planning to become parents may have to settle on something less than their dream home. Instead, it may be wise to opt for a starter home or condominium in a less expensive neighbourhood, she says.

"If you're buying a home and you're going right up to the top of your budget and still planning to have children, you are going to have to find another way of making up those additional costs."

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$1,033

In Toronto, Canada's most expensive city for childcare, parents pay an average of $1,033 a month, according to a study published last year by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

From the military to yoga teacher

WELLNESS

Piece of advice paved the way to future for Karin Charuz

At 18, Karin Charuz was fresh out of high school and adjusting to life as a soldier in the Israel Defense Forces.

"Those two years were very stressful years," said the Israeli citizen, 35, reflecting back on her time in the military. "All your freedom is basically gone at a very young age."

During that difficult time, she turned to meditation — finding that weekly classes helped her cope with the pressure. It's since become her way of life.

Today, she works as a program director of teacher training at Yoga Tree Studios in Toronto and she also teaches one-on-one classes privately to clients, some who have illnesses such as cancer, or disabilities.

But back in the late 1990s, Charuz was becoming increasingly disillusioned with her role in the army. As a born-and-bred Israeli, two years of military service was mandatory for her, as it is for all Israelis at age 18 — though there are exceptions in certain cases, such as pregnancy. Men typically serve three years.

She was working in military police investigations, investigating fellow soldiers who broke the law and at the same time, was grappling with the loss of friends who died serving in the military. It's a period of time she still has difficulty talking about.

She started contemplating a way out, wondering if she could rebel in some way, though she didn't have a real plan.

Charuz confided in a friend: "'Listen, my mind is all over the place. I can't deal with it. I think I'm going to fight my way out of the army and I'm going to rebel . . . She said, 'Before you do that, let me take you with me this Friday to a meditation group.'"

With no real sense of what meditation entailed, she went along with her friend to a stranger's home in a town near Tel Aviv. The first meeting marked a turning point in her life.

"I fell in love with it," Charuz said. "I think it's what kept me sane."

For Charuz, guided meditation and breathing exercises helped her focus on her problems, quiet her mind and work toward goals that — ironically — mirrored those set in military training: Crush your ego and be humble.

She continued to attend the weekly gatherings of 10 people, which she said gave her strength to complete her service.

In 2000, upon her release from military, Charuz travelled to New York City, a place she visited and fell in love with as a teenager. There, she started taking yoga classes and was amazed at how her body transformed — once so inflexible she was thrown out of ballet school, she was now binding her arms behind her back.

After two years in New York, she set out for India to deepen her yoga studies. She spent a year backpacking around the country, practising yoga and volunteering at ashrams until 2004, when she travelled to Canada. She never planned to stay in Toronto long term, but here, she reconnected with friends, met her now-husband and started taking yoga teacher training classes, finding that teaching gave her the same joy she felt when practising, particularly when working with ill or disabled patients.

"I was watching people letting go of fears," she said. "I came to a realization that my work in this life is to guide people into balance."

Just as meditation helped her come to terms with being a soldier, yoga instruction helped her overcome another challenge: public speaking. Charuz was born with a vocal chord impairment that left her voice weak and raspy, something she was self conscious about as a child, which manifested into a fear of public speaking as an adult.

I was watching people letting go of fears. I came to a realization that my work in life is to guide people into balance. Karin Charuz

But teaching yoga classes forced her to project her voice, strengthening it and boosting her confidence in her public speaking abilities, she said.

Today, one of her most devoted clients is Susan Charness, a 70-year-old Toronto resident who had polio as a child and uses a wheelchair part time.

"Phenomenal," is how Charness describes Charuz. "She has this calming presence that just makes me feel at peace."

A chance meeting brought the two together in 2009. Charness's husband, Monty, had fallen while entering their North York home. Charuz was walking her dog nearby when she saw the distressed couple on their doorstep and bounded over. Despite being just 104 pounds herself, Charuz picked up the 200-pound man and carried him inside.

"I was in shock," Charness said. "I said, 'Please let me take you out for breakfast, dinner, lunch, anything. Please, please allow me to be your friend'."

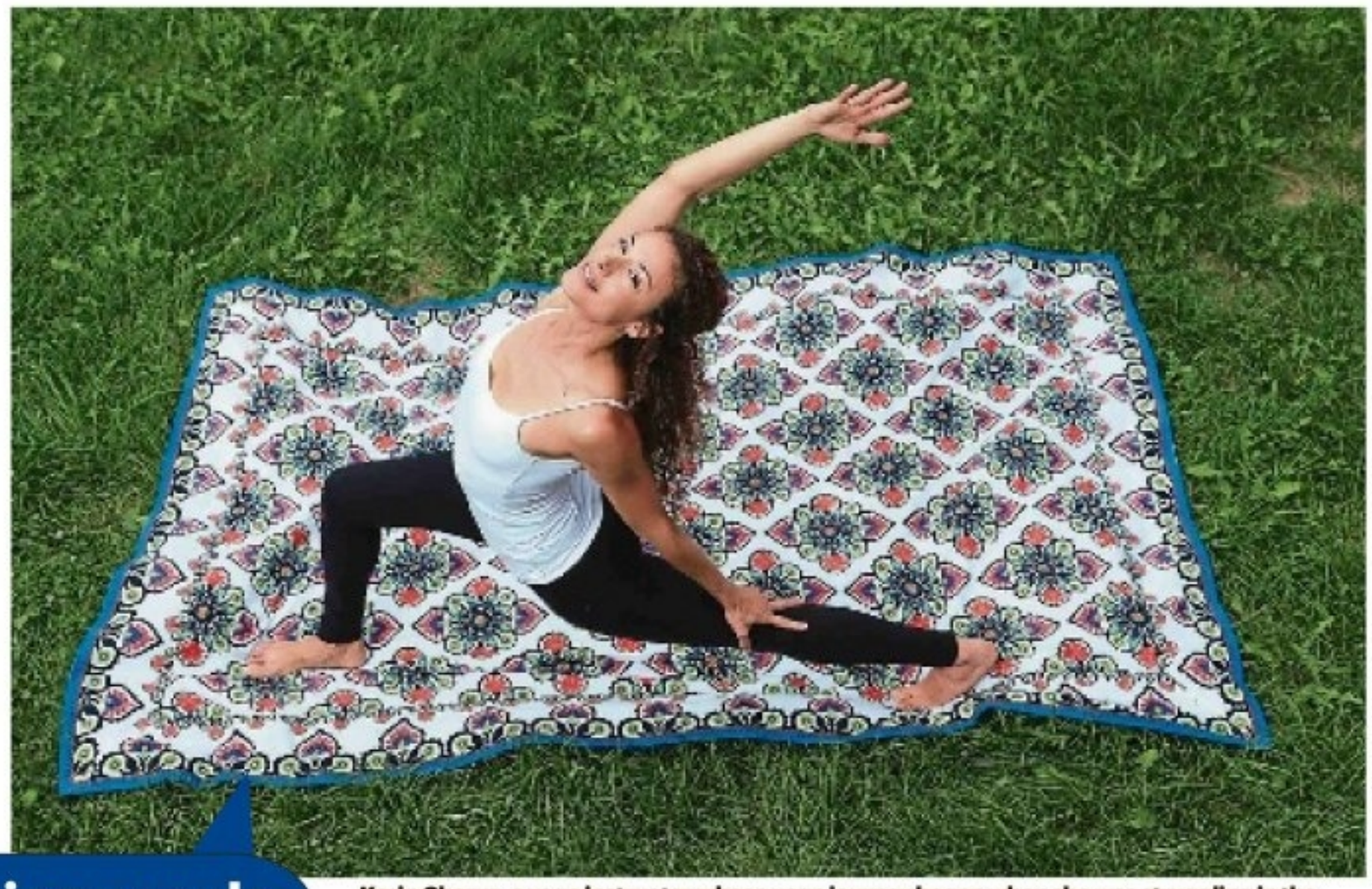
The two have been meeting weekly, practising seated yoga — breathing exercises and stretching — at Charness's home ever since. Charness, whose husband died in 2014, also credits Charuz with helping her deal with grief.

"She really was the catalyst that brought me back to life," Charness said.

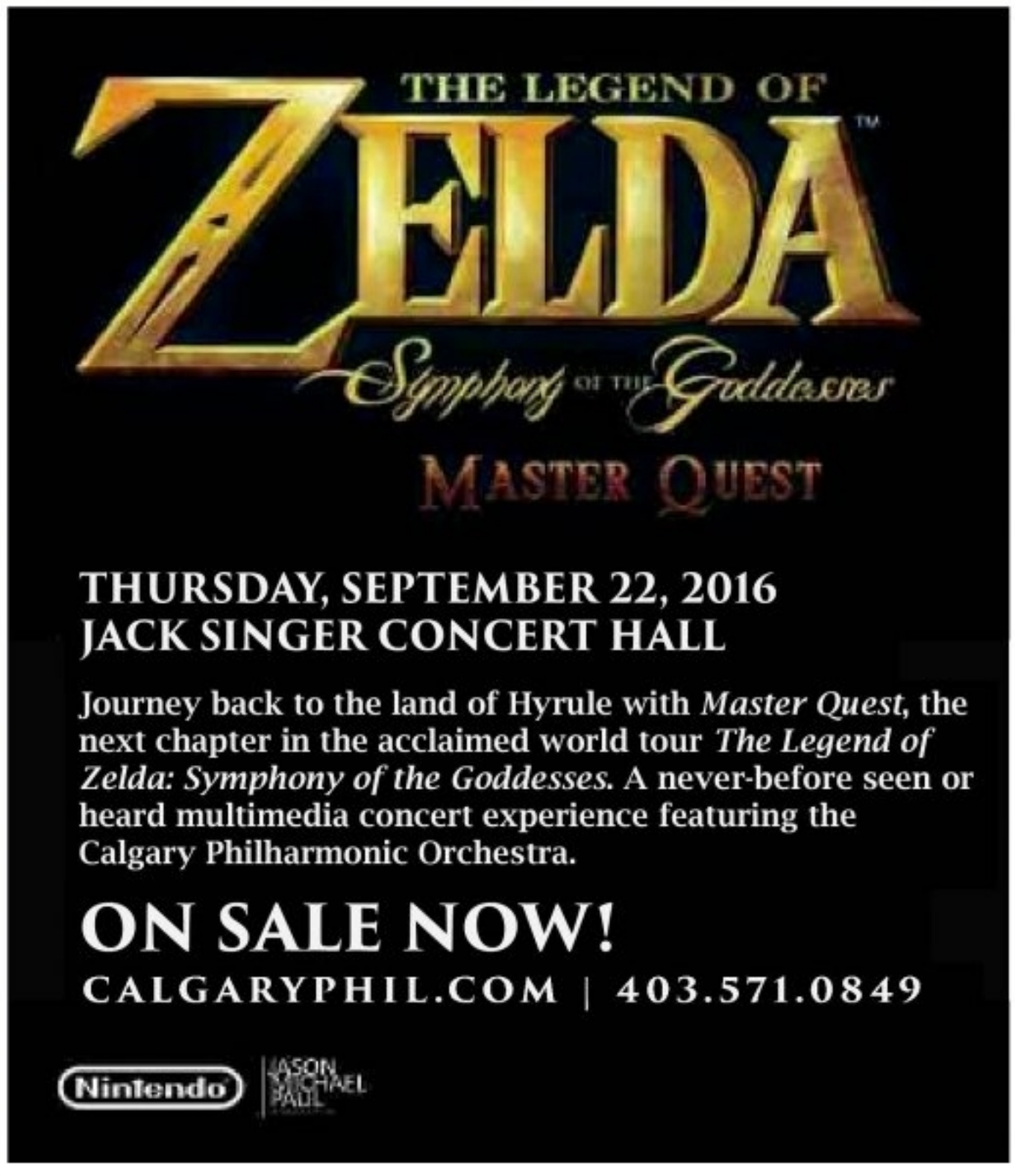
Charuz continues her dedication to yoga, often bringing her classes to office settings, where people welcome the physical release, and regularly teaches students at Yoga Tree locations.

Yoga has helped her get through difficult periods in her life, including past breakups and the recent passing of her beloved 11-year-old German shepherd, Butch.

"(Through yoga) you're able to open up deeply within yourself and become more trusting and loving," she said. "The more you do yoga, the more you understand that what's happening to you externally in your body is actually happening to you inside of your heart. It's a self-love process." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Karin Charuz, a yoga instructor whose yoga journey began when she was struggling in the Israeli army as a teen. RENE JOHNSTON/TORONTO STAR



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Lisa Blunt, 37, Purser with Porter Airlines

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A friend of mine was working for Porter Airlines at the time and mentioned I'd make for a great fit with the company.

Although I didn't have specific training, I knew I could transfer some of my learned skills from the cruise line — namely, my refined customer service approach and safety orientation.

Now, my schedule varies from day-to-day and every flight is an adventure. I thrive in this environment and look forward to meeting my daily challenges. I really enjoy being able to meet hundreds of new people each day while representing the company's brand. I also love the camaraderie among our crews at Porter. Even if I'm flying with a co-worker for the first time, we seem to click right away — which usually takes a lot more time in other jobs.

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HOW TO START

Individuals with a valid passport, high school diploma and a love for travel and customer service can land a career as a flight attendant or purser. To get started, prospects must fill out an application form through a small or major airline carrier's website. Each carrier offers new-hire training programs in first aid, customer service, security regulations and emergency procedures. College programs specializing in hospitality or travel and tourism also serve as stepping-stones into the industry.

WHERE YOU CAN GO

A career as a flight attendant is a chance to break free of the 9-to-5 shackles. With cheaper airfares, a growing population and a recent surge in airline passengers, the demand for trained workers is beginning to soar. One of the best perks? Workers can travel to and often stay in popular tourist destinations, depending on their schedules. And forget about the corporate grind: extended hours and travel times mean most professionals work an average of 12 to 15 days per month.

metro SPORTS

Canada's Denis Shapovalov, 17, won his Davis Cup debut in straight sets, topping Chile's Christian Garin 7-6 (5), 6-4 in Halifax

Young guns flatten Finns

WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY

Team North America uses its speed to win opener

Jack Eichel, Johnny Gaudreau, Jonathan Drouin and Nathan MacKinnon scored, Matt Murray made 24 saves and Team North America skated circles around Finland on the way to a 4-1 victory Sunday night at the World Cup of Hockey.

Captain Connor McDavid and the group of 23-and-under Americans and Canadians put on an unbelievable show of speed and skill in their first World Cup game, making good on the pre-tournament buzz. North America made it a torturous night for Finland, which had nine players back from the bronze-medal team in the 2014 Sochi Olympics.

Finnish goaltender Pekka Rinne was often brilliant in stopping 39 of the 43 shots he faced but couldn't do much about the domination going on in front of him. Valtteri Filppula scored Finland's only goal late in the third period after the result was decided.

The usually structured Finns couldn't keep up with North America and rarely had the puck. Rinne made several 10-bell saves to keep it from being even more of a blowout.

Much like Team Europe, a collection of players from eight European countries, North America made a great first impression after plenty of criticism about being a gimmick. North America's blazing fast play in exhibition games made it the most intriguing part of the World Cup, and that fascination is only stronger now that it showed it can thrive when it counts.

Goals came in every possible way: Eichel's greasy rebound at the side of the net, Gaudreau's jumping, spinning deflection, Drouin's toe drag, and MacKinnon's backhand-forehand move after beating everyone else to the puck. North America's apt goal song, Opposite of Adults, blared on the Air Canada Centre speakers all night.

Playing his first of what should be many games at his new home arena with the Toronto Maple Leafs, No. 1 pick Auston Matthews had an assist and showed he was ready to face NHL competition. McDavid, the 2015 No. 1 pick of the Edmonton Oilers, also had an assist and several nifty moves that confounded Finnish defenders.

Nathan MacKinnon of Team North America scores past Finland goaltender Pekka Rinne on Sunday. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

SUNDAY In Toronto

4	1
N. AMERICA	FINLAND

SWEDEN 2, RUSSIA 1

Earlier Sunday, Gabriel Landeskog and Victor Hedman scored second-period goals as Sweden edged Russia 2-1. Jacob Markstrom made 27 saves for the win.

Alex Ovechkin had the lone goal for Russia and thought he had tied the game with seven seconds remaining in the third, but officials waved it off, ruling the puck went off his glove and in. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RIO2016

Canada places 13th in medals

Aurelie Rivard is young and talented and loaded with promise.

And the triple gold medallist in swimming is the perfect representation, said Chantal Petitclerc, of Canada's rebuilding team that reached its goal of a top-16 finish at the Rio Paralympics.

Rivard, a 20-year-old from Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, was chosen to carry Canada's flag into Maracana Stadium for Sunday's closing ceremonies of the Rio Paralympics, capping what will go down as a successful Games for both Canada and host Brazil.

Aurelie Rivard GETTY IMAGES

"She represents what we're trying to say here," said Petitclerc, Canada's chef de mission. "This team is rebuilding. This team has a lot of young potential like Aurelie, who made it happen here."

Canada finished 13th in the total medals table, with eight gold, 10 silver and 11 bronze. The 29 medals were two less than the team won four years ago in London, but Petitclerc said the numbers reflect the fact that countries are catching Canada — once a front-runner — in Paralympic sport.

"The 29 medals means that the Games are tough," Petitclerc said. "I think Paralympic athletes take great pride in knowing that they have to work so much harder than 20 years ago to get those Paralympic medals.

"I wished for 32 (medals), but I'm really happy to see that the level of competition is so tough." THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

Angels knock Blue Jays down a peg

Alex Meyer THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mike Trout and Albert Pujols each scored twice, Alex Meyer gave up two hits in five innings for his first career win, and the Los Angeles Angels beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-0 on Sunday afternoon.

The Blue Jays fell out of a tie with Baltimore for the top AL wild-card spot and lead Seattle by one game for the second spot.

Marcus Stroman (9-9) went six innings, giving up two runs on seven hits for Toronto. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WORLD CUP

That's our championship game.

John Tortorella calls Team USA's Tuesday showdown with Team Canada a must-win after a 3-0 loss to Team Europe on Saturday.

CFL

Stampeders run down playoff berth

Quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell says the Calgary Stampeders have imagined they're trailing, even when they're not, to produce their best football.

The Stampeders recovered from a third-quarter lull to down the visiting Ottawa Redblacks 48-23 on Saturday.

Calgary (10-1-1) extended their unbeaten streak this CFL season to 11 straight games. They haven't lost since their season-opener.

The Redblacks (5-5-1) gave up top spot in the East Division to the Hamilton Tiger-Cats (6-6) with their fifth loss in their last seven games.

The Stampeders also claimed a playoff berth with the victory.

"When we are an aggressive football team, we are very, very hard to beat," Mitchell said.

Calgary is at home to Winnipeg (8-4) on Saturday. The Blue Bombers have won seven straight games after beating the Toronto Argonauts 46-29 this past weekend. THE CANADIAN PRESS

239

China led all nations with 239 medals, followed by Britain with 147 and Ukraine with 117.

NFL

Newton back at his best

Cam Newton threw for 353 yards and four touchdowns, and the Carolina Panthers overcame four turnovers to beat the San Francisco 49ers 46-27 on Sunday in their home opener.

122

Newton threw two TD passes to Kelvin Benjamin and one each to Greg Olsen and Devin Funchess to pass Jake Delhomme for most TD passes in franchise history with 122.

Newton showed no ill effects from the four helmet-to-helmet hits he took in Carolina's season-opening loss to Denver. He took one shot to the head from linebacker Eli Harold late in the game after a pitchout on an option play, but quickly got to his feet.

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Pats' QB crunched

IN FOXBOROUGH, MASS.

QB Garoppolo injured after hot start against Miami

> **He worked so hard for this opportunity. I hope he's OK. I hope he can get back**
> Pats receiver Chris Hogan

The New England Patriots have a brand new quarterback issue.

Jimmy Garoppolo had three touchdown passes before leaving in the second quarter with a right shoulder injury as the New England Patriots outlasted the Miami Dolphins 31-24 on Sunday.

It was the Patriots' eighth straight home victory over Miami (0-2). It came at a price as New England (2-0) was dealt another blow at quarterback with Tom Brady already out with his four-game "Deflategate" suspension.

Garoppolo's injury came on third down with less than five minutes left in the first half. He was chased out of the pocket and got off a completion to Malcolm Mitchell and driven into the ground on his shoulder by Miami linebacker Kiko Alonso.

Garoppolo initially got up, before going down to one knee and being attended to by the training staff. He ended his day 18 of 27 for 234 yards and the three scores.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick, never one to reveal much information, said of Garoppolo's injury: "I don't know yet. So we'll take it day by day."

Garoppolo was replaced by rookie Jacoby Brissett, who led New England to a touchdown on its first possession of the second half. Brissett was 6 of 9 for 92 yards.

"When it's time to go, you just have to make sure you're ready," said Brissett. "Whenever the opportunity comes, you've got to make sure you're ready for it."

LeGarrette Blount rushed 29 times for 123 yards and a touchdown. Martellus Bennett also had five catches and a touchdown. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dolphins linebacker Kiko Alonso hits Patriots quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo on Sunday in Foxborough, Mass. STEW MILNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEEK 2 SCORES

THURSDAY
- Jets 37, Bills 31

SUNDAY
- Panthers 46, 49ers 27
- Titans 16, Lions 15
- Ravens 25, Browns 20
- Patriots 31, Dolphins 24
- Giants 16, Saints 13
- Cowboys 27, Redskins 23
- Steelers 24, Bengals 16
- Texans 19, Chiefs 12
- Rams 9, Seahawks 3
- Cardinals 40, Bucs 7
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IN BRIEF

South Korea's Chun sets major record 21-under

In Gee Chun clinched the Evian Championship in record-breaking style on Sunday, winning by four shots to secure her second major with the lowest ever 72-hole score in a major.

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The 22-year-old South Korean sank a difficult 10-foot putt to finish on 21 under, breaking the record for men and women of 20 co-held by Henrik Stenson and Jason Day. She bettered the women's record by two.

"Without nerves I feel bored," Chun said. "I had a lot of pressure on the course, but I much enjoyed my game." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Truex Jr. rallies to win NASCAR Chase opener

Martin Truex Jr. went from a completely unraveled tire that left him a lap down to the NASCAR Chase for the Sprint Cup championship lead for the first time in his career.

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He can thank a late caution in what has been an emotional year for the small-team driver.

Truex shot to the front after a late re-start and pulled away to give Furniture Row Racing a NASCAR Sprint Cup playoff-opening victory Sunday at Chicagoland Speedway.

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United falls deeper in funk vs. Watford

PREMIER LEAGUE

Red Devils lose for the third time in the last nine days

Jose Mourinho's Manchester United reign is quickly unravelling, with his new team condemned to a third successive loss to Watford on Sunday.

Watford's 3-1 victory exposed the brittleness of Mourinho's expensively assembled team as it tasted success over the record 20-time English champions for the first time in 30 years.

The United job was a chance for Mourinho to rehabilitate his career after being fired last year for a second time by Chelsea. But after a bright start to the campaign in August, Mourinho's United has lost to Manchester City, the Europa League opener at Feyenoord and now Watford within nine days.

"If you analyze our three defeats in the last week we were always the best team in the second half," Mourinho said. "We lost again in our best moment."

Although 18-year-old Marcus Rashford marked his first start of the season for Mourinho by cancelling out Etienne Capoue's opener, Watford surged back in front in the 83rd minute at Vicarage Road. Substitute Camilo Zuniga scored within a minute of coming off the bench and Troy Deeney netted a penalty in the fifth minute of stoppage time.

It's only five games into the Premier League season but United is already six points behind leader Manchester City. While United's neighbour has made a perfect start, Mourinho is discovering just how challenging it will be to restore the team to the Champions League by finishing in the top four.

"I feel that some individuals probably feel the pressure and responsibility too much," said Mourinho, who succeeded Louis van Gaal in May to become United's third manager in the three years since Alex Ferguson's retirement. "But from a collective point of view, I only have good things to say about them."

United's Anthony Martial hobbled off the pitch in the first half with Ashley Young taking his place. Seven minutes earlier, Martial clashed heads with Daryl Janmaat as they went for a loose ball.

The English Football Association states in its concussion guidelines that: "Anyone exhibiting symptoms must immediately be removed from playing ... there must be no return to play on the day of any suspected concussion."

Asked whether Martial was concussed, Mourinho responded: "I don't know. I really don't know." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Watford's Troy Deeney stares down Manchester United midfielder Paul Pogba during Sunday's match in Watford, England. RICHARD HEATHCOTE/GETTY IMAGES

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- **S'hampton 1,** Swansea 0
- **Tottenham 1,** S'land 0

FORMULA ONE

Rosberg wins by less than a second

Nico Rosberg hung on for the narrowest Formula One victory in six years at the Singapore Grand Prix on Sunday, celebrating his 200th career start in perfect style as he reclaimed the championship lead from his Mercedes teammate Lewis Hamilton.

Rosberg held on to beat a fast-finishing Daniel Ricciardo of Red Bull by just 0.488 of a second at the Marina Bay street circuit while Hamilton took third place.

Rosberg's third successive win took him back to the top of the drivers' championship, eight points ahead of Hamilton with six races left.

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It was the closest F1 finish since the 2010 race at this venue when Fernando Alonso edged Sebastian Vettel by three tenths of a second. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDYCAR

Andretti locks up top driver, sponsor

Andretti Autosport locked in driver Ryan Hunter-Reay and sponsor DHL Express through the 2020 season.

The contract extensions were announced before Sunday's season finale at Sonoma Raceway.

DHL has been with Andretti since 2011, and its renewal was revealed on the same day longtime IndyCar sponsor Target marked its final race after 27 years.

DHL first began working with Andretti in 2005 and expanded into a full-time sponsor of the No. 28 six years later.

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Hunter-Reay is the most successful active American driver in the IndyCar Series with 16 victories, 36 podiums, a win in the 2014 Indianapolis 500 and a championship in 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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RECIPE Easy Tomato Tart

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For Metro Canada

Before the season passes, indulge in this tart that comes together easily leaving you more time for your evening reality TV binge.

Ready in 55 minutes
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 40 minutes
Serves 6

Ingredients
- 1 sheet of puff pastry
- 2 Tbsp olive oil, approximately
- 1/2 cup grated mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese• 1 pint of cherry tomatoes
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh herbs (I used parsley and basil but thyme and rosemary would be nice too)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 400 F.
2. Remove just one sheets of puff pastry dough.
3. Tear off a an 18-inch long sheet of parchment paper. Lightly flour the paper and roll out the pastry with a rolling pin into an 8- by 12-inch rectangle. Prick all over with a fork. With a small, sharp knife, create a border all around the rectangle a 1/2 inch in; don't not cut all the way through!
4. Drizzle oil over pastry. Now scatter the cheese. Then place tomatoes on top. Sprinkle herbs on top and add a pinch of salt and pepper
5. Place in oven 20 to 25 minutes until the pastry is golden and cheese bubbling. Allow to cool slightly before cutting. Serve with a simple salad.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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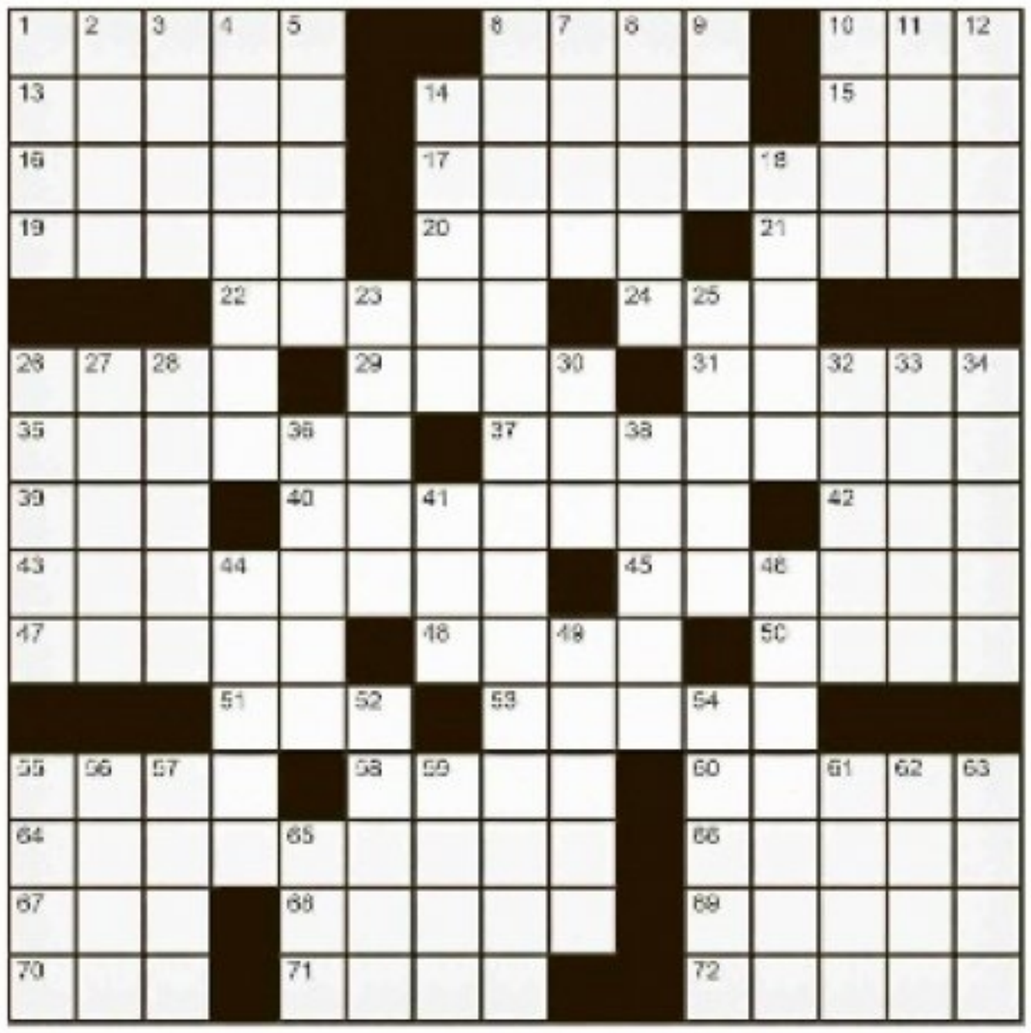

ACROSS
1. Mea _! (My bad!)
6. "_-Tough" (1977)
10. Abbr. amateur antonym
13. The Hunter constellation
14. Bridges
15. Sever
16. Haze over
17. Quarrel: 3 wds.
19. Get clean
20. Any thing
21. Deli loaves
22. Smudges
24. Model/actress Ms. Herzigova
26. Duchess of _ (Subject of Spanish painter Goya)
29. Snoot
31. Fibre for basketry
35. Arnold's employee on "Happy Days"
37. Elton John's "Rocket Man" bit: "She packed my bags last night, pre-flight / _ _, nine AM..."
39. German singer Ms. Lemper
40. Piano performance
42. Letters with Harper Valley
43. 'Sad' earring shape
45. Rock band instruments
47. Provide, as with some trait
48. Ms. Kurylenko of "Oblivion" (2013)
50. Payola$ singer Paul
51. Dresser drawer garb
53. Nervous
55. West Virginia export
58. Lieutenant Commander _, "Star Trek: The Next Generation" role
60. Choir voices
64. One showing up after everybody else
66. Dutch cheese
67. "Well, now!"
68. "He's _ _ Nowhere Man..." - The Beatles
69. Singin', Dancin' and what else?
70. Baby barker
71. Diner's detailer
72. Distinctive smell in the neighbourhood

DOWN
1. 'Georgia Peach' Ty
2. Carbamide
3. Steal
4. Grand _ (Loyal Order of Water Buffalo bigwig on "The Flintstones")
5. 2004 Gwen Stefani album: 'Love. _. Music. Baby.'
6. _ _ Wilderness Provincial Park (It's in northern British Columbia)
7. Roof's gutter locale
8. Boeotian Muse of memory
9. "It _ _." ("Who's there?" posh reply)
10. Gambit
11. Casanova
12. Chooses
14. Bake, as eggs
18. Stuff for Oscar's can
23. _ Canada (Historic province)
25. Gwyneth's "Shakespeare in Love" (1998) role
26. Razor-sharp
27. Approach nighttime
28. Food staple
30. Become
32. _-turvy
33. Played a minstrel's pear-shaped instrument
34. Clear
36. Command
38. Morocco's capital
41. Dove's murmur
44. Russia's currency
46. Character in Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice
49. Tree's twisted knot
52. Cherish
54. Big tales
55. Horse hoof sound
56. Hawaiian island
57. Situated up high
59. "I'll second that!"
61. Dancer's dress
62. Aesir ruler
63. Dropped
65. Ms. Diaz, to pals

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Relations with partners and close friends are warm and wonderful today. This is a great day to start a new partnership.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You get along well with co-workers today. In addition, you might get a raise or you might get praise — or you might see ways to make your workspace more attractive.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
New love is exciting! Accept invitations to party. This is a wonderful day for social occasions, playful activities with children, sports events and anything connected with the arts.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Explore real estate opportunities that might come your way today. This is also a great day to entertain at home.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You can make money from your words today, which is good news for those of you who write, edit, teach, act, sell or market. In fact, your words are like gold! Meanwhile, relations with siblings and relatives are cosy.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If shopping today, you will love buying something beautiful for yourself or someone close to you. You might see ways to boost your income.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a great day to buy wardrobe goodies. (You are always aware of fashion and current colours, even if you don't dress this way.)

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
A secret love affair might be going on for some of you. (In fact, this is a certainty.) Others might make a wonderful hidden discovery. It's a pleasant day!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A friend might become a lover today. In any event, your feelings of affection for your friends are strong today.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Someone might want your creative input on design, layout, furniture arrangement or such. Others will meet flirtatious opportunities.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Grab every chance to travel for pleasure today, because it might come your way. You will enjoy intelligent discussions of philosophy, religion and politics

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Gifts, goodies and favours from others will come to you. It's a good day to ask for a loan or mortgage, because you can benefit from with wealth and resources of others.

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